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Patton reinstated; SG in confusion

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Four months after impeachment, Darin Patton was reinstated by the Judicial Council as student government president on Dec. 1.

The 31st Student Senate impeached Patton in August for holding funds that were approved by the SG president who served before him.

The Council looked at several issues to determine if due process was given to Patton regarding his impeachment, including: Senate sign-overs for seats, time given to him to prepare the original case, and the affidavits.

The Council found one violation of due process, which concerned how the charges were placed against Patton.

According to SG Statutes, impeachable offenses are defined as: malfeasance (when a public official performs an act that

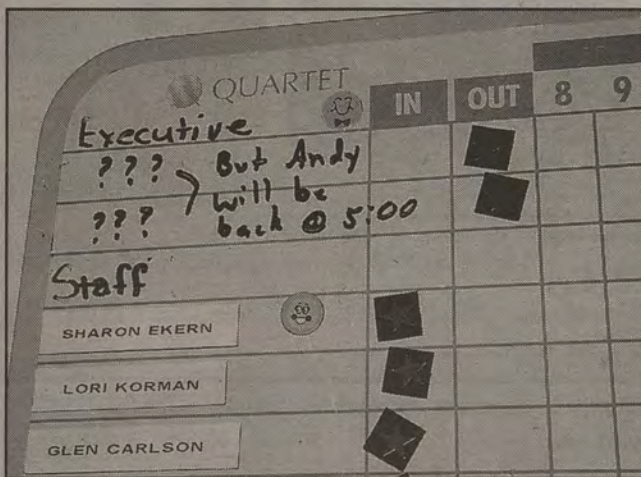


PHOTO BY SHELLEY WILSON

Question marks replace the executive officers' names on a board in the SG office. There is debate as to whether Patton or Cupicha is the president.

is legally unjustified, or contrary to the law), misfeasance (wrongful performance of a lawful act), and nonfeasance (omission of an act that should have been per-

formed). In Patton's trial, all three charges were tried together. The Senate decided if and how Patton was breaking statutes by holding the funds, which went against his due process, the Council explained.

The Council wrote in a memo on Dec. 1 "The offenses of malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance should not have been grouped together. There are three specific ways that offenses can be defined and it is impossible to commit all three at

the same time relating to the charge." Patton has been the only SG President at UCF to be successfully impeached. In July, he appealed the action to the UCF

Administration, which said that it had no jurisdiction in the matter and recommended a more proper route through the Student Judicial Council.

Some SG members wonder why Patton was still proceeding with his appeal so long after his impeachment.

He addressed this question in his opening statement to the Council, "I believe that can be answered by a question posed to you all — 'If you were elected to a position by more than 1,400 students and removed by 18 political opponents, some of whom were questionably placed, wouldn't you?'"

Legislative, Judicial and Rules Chair Matthew Bornfreund defended SG in the Council hearing, arguing that Senate followed its rules and the impeachment process was not tainted.

"If the 31st Student Senate followed

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Seniors prepare for Graduation

ELAINE LEBLANC
STAFF WRITER

UCF has been dubbed by some as "You Can't Finish," but some students will prove the statement wrong as they receive their diplomas Dec. 18 at the UCF arena.

Although many students enjoyed their time at UCF, they are looking forward to graduation.

Steven Kessel, a Spanish and economics major said, "I am most excited about the idea of coming home at night and having

absolutely no homework to do." Other students shared this welcome anticipation of free time. Finance major Steve Herzlich said, "It is really exciting to think about the possibilities that await after graduation. But right now, I am most excited about having the time to catch up on old episodes of 'Beverly Hills, 90210.'"

UCF has been called "You Can't Finish," partly due to a limited selection of class offer-

ings and availability.

Bryan Lee, who enrolled at UCF in 1992 and is graduating with a degree in civil engineering, said, "I have worked harder for this diploma than anything else in my life. Finally I have come to the end of the collegiate road."

Others, however, were able to complete their degree requirements in less than the average four years. Josh Roseman said, "By graduating this semester, I have not only proven that you can finish, but that you can finish early."

The procession of the students and the platform party will begin five minutes prior to the start of each ceremony.

Tickets are available for pick-up at the UCF bookstore Dec. 6-11 with a photo ID. Unclaimed tickets will be distributed on a first come-first serve basis on Dec. 13. Any additional tickets will be available Dec. 13-16.

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Free scantrons

A student picks up a final exam packet consisting of scantrons, a planner, coupons and a pencil. SG gave away more than 5,000 packets Dec. 3-4 outside of the Student Union.

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PHOTO BY SHELLEY WILSON

No relief from parking headaches until fall 2000

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

The days of stalking someone with your car in anticipation of acquiring a parking spot seems to be far from over. Even though a third parking garage is currently under construction, it will not be completed in time for the up and coming spring semester. And when it opens in the fall of 2000 it will cost you.

The price of decals will increase in the fall semester by 15 percent, according to Executive Assistant of Parking Services Ina Carpenter. This would raise a three-semester

decals price from \$90 to \$103.50 and a two-semester pass from \$74 to \$85.10.

All parking funds come from students and faculty in the form of parking decals and traffic tickets handed out by the UCFPD. The university is not funded to provide parking for its students.

"I like that they're going to build more parking garages. It will finally give us somewhere to park and keep me from being late to class," said freshmen Tim Young.

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UCF to launch new website in 2000

SARAH SEKULA
STAFF WRITER

If everything goes as planned on Jan. 1, the Course Development and Web Services Department at UCF will welcome the millennium by launching a redesigned campus web site.

Along with added capabilities, the upcoming web site, which has undergone a cosmetic makeover, will reveal an entirely different look and image.

Vice Provost for Information Technology and Resources Joel Hartman recognized the fact that UCF's web site could benefit from some vast alterations in November 1998.

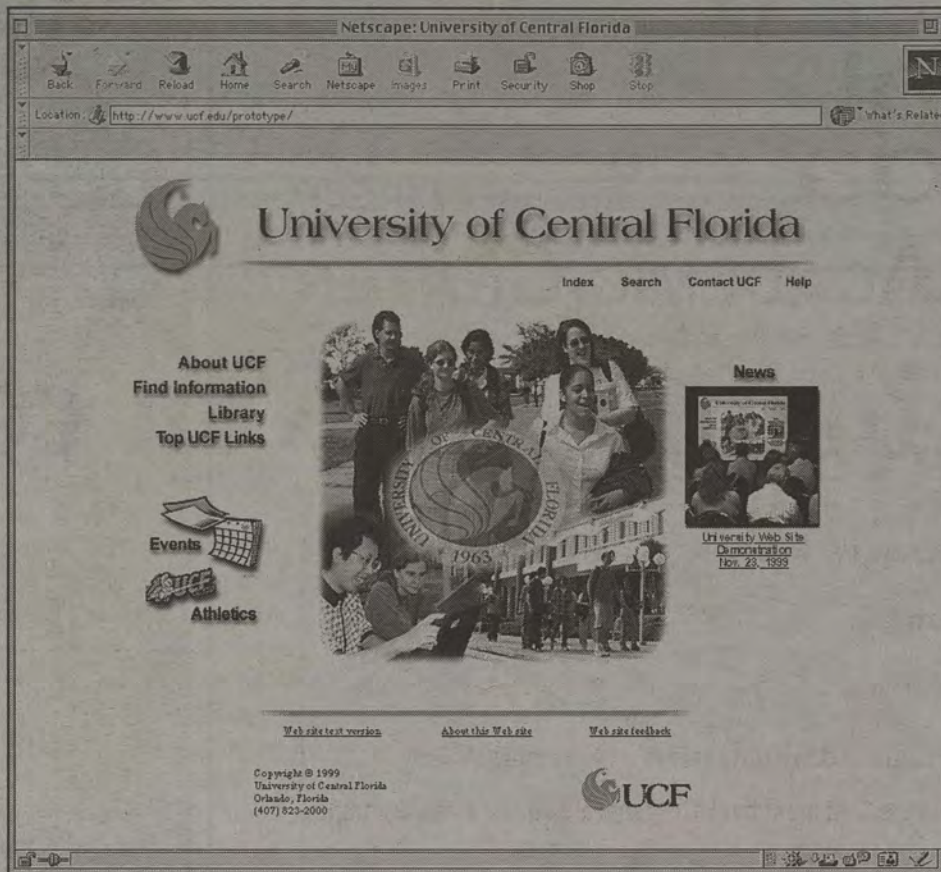
He and his staff then set out to modernize UCF's web site.

CD&WS Director Barbara Truman-Davis was placed in charge of collecting information to determine the needs of the university. "The information on the old web site was out of date," she said. "The web site did not reflect campus life. And there are so many more tools now that are available for web site design."

The CD&WS team wanted the web site to be more interactive, customizable and information packed.

To accomplish this task, students, faculty and staff were encouraged to be involved with the redesign of the existing web site.

"We had so many classes involved," Truman-Davis said. "We had the art department students propose some of the graphics for the web site. We had an engineering graduate class give us input. We



A prototype of UCF's new website can be viewed at www.ucf.edu/prototype. The full website will be launched Jan. 1 at www.ucf.edu.

had really great participation."

With these suggestions and the 1,144 surveys that CD&WS received, the department had many ideas to consider and attempted to incorporate as many as possible. In fact, they discovered that 64 percent of those surveyed found current UCF news to be important, 75 percent thought a campus-wide calendar would be useful and 52 percent said that an interactive campus

map was needed. Each of these proposed features will be available on the future web site.

On New Year's Day the public will be able to peruse through the updated web site by typing in www.ucf.edu. Until then, the work-in-progress can be visited by typing in www.ucf.edu/prototype or by clicking on the link at the bottom right hand corner of the current web site.

"We encourage students and faculty to go ahead and start entering their profile information now (located under "My Profile") on the prototype site," CD&WS Software Engineer Cesar Munoz said. "This includes typing in a biography, links to your home page, resume, and contact and academic information. It provides a way for people to contact you."

Eventually CD&WS hopes to create a way to integrate known information about users through a database to prompt the user about possible services.

Truman-Davis said that if a student's registration records were on hold, he or she would be notified upon log in. Whatever the reason for the hold may be—an unpaid parking ticket or an overdue library book—the student would only be a few mouse clicks away from information about how to resolve the matter.

"We want our UCF community to go on-line instead of in-line, whenever possible," Truman-Davis said.

Both Truman-Davis and Munoz said that the ultimate goal of the revamped web site is to create a learning community. "We want this to be a user-centric, database-driven web site where the information is maintained by the users dynamically without requiring knowledge of HTML," Munoz said.

"This is the major improvement over the existing UCF web site."

Munoz said he is glad that the university realized the importance of having a stronger web site. "We are committed to using cutting edge technology to improve the UCF web presence."

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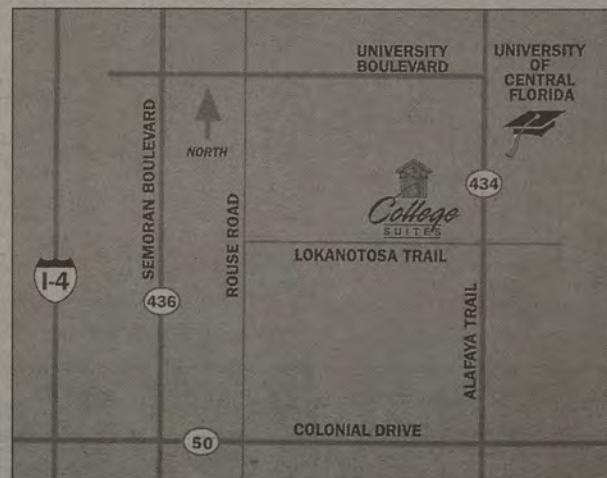
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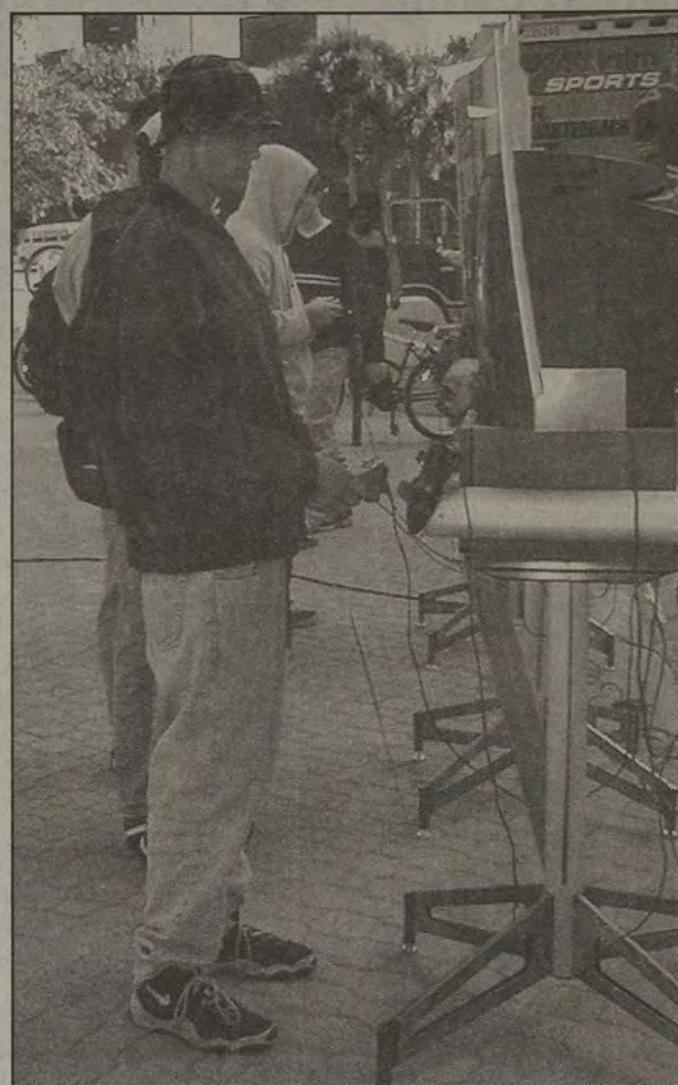


PHOTO BY PATTY CANEDO

A student tests a sports video game at the Sports Illustrated Campus Fest. The Dec. 1-2 event consisted of contests, product demonstrations and giveaways.

Feast to provide Medieval-style dinner, entertainment

ADAM SHIVER
STAFF WRITER

Lords and ladies alike are invited to attend this year's 25th Madrigal Feaste, held by the UCF chorus.

The medieval-style dinner will take place 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9-11 in the University Dining Room.

The event will feature the vocals of the Madrigal Singers as well as herald trumpets, jesters and buffoons, ornate period clothing and a huge feast.

"We try to re-create what we think it would have been like long ago," Director of Choral Activities David Brunner said.

The food at the feast will include period dishes such as boar's head, flaming plum pudding, fruits and cheeses, sauces, wine and coffee.

"It is perhaps the longest standing tradition on this young campus," said Brunner.

The Madrigal Singers, a group of 17 of the school's top vocalists will be dressed in clothing of the period as they sing with no accompaniment.

"Most of the singers are voice majors and are some of the top singers in the school," Brunner said.

The chorus hopes to raise \$175,000 at the Madrigal Feaste. The money raised will go towards a trip to England in the summer of 2000 and vocal scholarships for UCF students.

The Madrigal Singers specialize in music of the Renaissance as well as diverse styles of chamber music. They have made appearances on Orlando's CBS and ABC affiliates and are featured on the CD "We are the Music-Makers: The Choral Music of David Brunner."

Admission to the feast on Dec. 10-12 is \$40 per person. Dec. 9 is a VIP event only. For reservations or more information call 407-823-5687.

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Approximately 11,000 spaces are available for students, faculty, staff

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1999 was a record 31,247, making parking spaces scarce and sometimes impossible to find. An expected enrollment of 29,611 students for the spring semester of 2000 is not expected to ease the parking situation.

"Spring [enrollment] will always go down," said Betty Miller of Campus Institutional Research. "We are expecting a 6 percent increase in spring of 1999's enrollment of 28,749."

While enrollment may be down for the spring, it will be more than double the number of available parking spaces on campus. There are approximately 11,000 parking spaces at hand for students, faculty and staff.

"It takes me longer to park for my classes than it does to walk to them," said Jeffery Martin, a junior. "It's ridiculous."

"It's frustrating to have to circle the parking lot ten times waiting for someone to leave," said sophomore Oscar Hastings. "We need parking spaces, and we need them soon."

Carpenter said Parking Services has

painted a few spaces into lots where space was available, allowing for one or two more cars per lot. This will be the only additional parking until the fall of 2000.

"These additions are nothing major though," Carpenter said.

The third parking garage is expected to alleviate some of the parking problems by providing an additional 1,300 spaces for students.

"The cost of the new parking facility will cost 8.2 million dollars, or approximately \$6,300 per space," Carpenter said.

Flat lots on the other hand, depending on their location on campus, provide spaces at \$1,500 to \$2,000 per space. These flat parking areas could plausibly hold almost as many cars as the garages if designed correctly.

"I think it's stupid that they closed a whole parking lot to build a garage in its place. Why not just build the garage somewhere else so we can still park in that lot," said sophomore Sara Jefferies.

To allow more space for students to park on campus, it is suggested that students living close to the University walk, ride a bicycle, skateboard, roller-blade or



PHOTO BY JASON KOKOTOFF

There is not a parking space to be found during the day in the Visual Arts parking lot. Students may continue to have difficulty parking at UCF until a third parking garage opens in fall 2000.

use the Linx bus system.

Parking services says that the tram that it owns is not designed for transporting students back and forth between parking areas such as the arena parking located

are on the outskirts of campus. "The design of the roadways on campus makes it hard for the tram to be effective. The tram is just not well suited for such activities," said Carpenter.

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1999: Year in review

KRISTA ZILIZI
STAFF WRITER

Jan. 1 The countdown to Y2K begins concern-

ing a computer flaw rooted in early computer software that was designed to read the date's year in only two digits. Despite the millions of dollars the government and business have spent trying to correct the problem, miscalculations and potential shutdowns may still affect systems of everyday life such as utility, banking, health care, phone service, transportation and personal finances.

Jan. 31 The Denver Broncos win their second consecutive Superbowl title defeating the

Atlanta Falcons. The Broncos become the first AFC team to repeat as a super Bowl champion since the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1978-79.

Feb. 19 President Bill Clinton confesses to allegations of having an "inappropriate relationship" with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky in a commencement speech to the American public. Throughout this highly publicized scandal, the President had denied having any sexual relations with Lewinsky, however was acquitted by the Senate on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

March 8 Idolized center-fielder Joe DiMaggio dies at the age of 84. He was known best for his success in 1941 with his 56 game hitting streak for the New York Yankees.

March 24 NATO bombs the Balkan Republic of Yugoslavia where dominant Serbs, led by Slobodan Milosevic, clash with the Albanian minority. Floods of Albanian refugees are forced out of the Kosovo province into neighboring countries.

April 20 Two students cloaked in trench coats armed with guns and bombs open fire at Columbine High School. Targeting ethnic minorities and athletes, killers Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold injure 23 and fatally wound 13 before taking their own lives.

May 19 The new Star Wars prequel Episode I, The Phantom Menace is released, telling the story of the beginning of the Star Wars saga. George Lucas returns as both

writer and director for the first time since the original Star Wars movie was released over twenty years ago.

June 6 The San Antonio Spurs seize the NBA title from the New York Knicks in game 5 with a 78-77 victory. The Spurs become the first ABA team to win the NBA title and the twelfth team in NBA history to win the championship in five games.

June 19 The Dallas Stars claim the Stanley Cup title in game six shutting out the Buffalo Sabres in triple overtime. The Stars also become the first team to win both the President's trophy and the Stanley Cup in the same season.

June 19 Prince Edward, youngest son of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, marries Miss Sophie Rhys-Jones at St. George's chapel in Windsor, Great Britain. Because of his marriage, he is no longer officially recognized as Prince Edward, but instead has been appointed with the title The Earl of Wessex.

July 16 First introduced at the Sun dance Film festival, the documentary style "Blairwitch Project" becomes the summer's highest grossing film totaling a 144.2 million. Created by a group of five Orlando based filmmakers and UCF graduates, the Blairwitch becomes the first Internet driven theatrical release.

July 19 John F. Kennedy Jr., wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and sister-in-law Lauren Bessette perish in a plane crash in the waters near Martha's vineyard. Days earlier their private jet, piloted by JFK Jr., vanished from radar on its way to a cousin's wedding in Cape Cod.

Aug. 17 A magnitude 7.4 earthquake shakes the northwest region of Turkey killing more

than 17,000 and leaving 600,000 homeless. More than 1000 relief workers from 17 countries joined the search to recover victims.

mid-Aug. Who Wants to be a Million Air game show becomes the first show in the history of American televi-

sion to award a one-time cash prize worth 500,000 dollars. Hosted by Regis Philbin, the show will air three times a week beginning Jan. 11 after its finale episode tied with ER for first place in ratings.

mid-Sept. Hurricane Floyd becomes the most destructive hurricane to hit the eastern seaboard in 1999. Floyd was responsible for the evacuation of 2 million coastal residents, almost 6 billion dollars in damages, and 56 deaths.

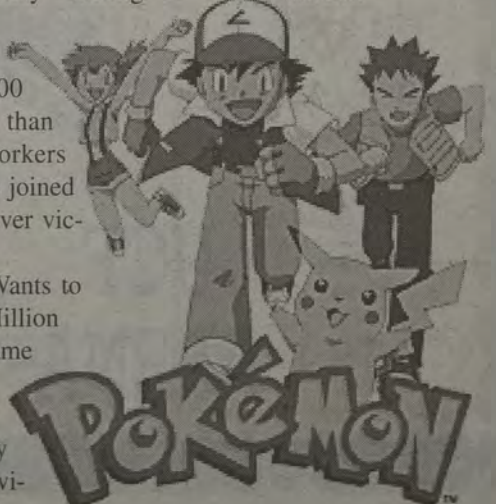
Oct. 27 Golf legend Payne Stewart is presumed dead after his lear jet crashes 20 minutes after lift off in a South Dakota prairie.

Oct. 25 The New York Yankees win the World Series title over the Atlanta Braves in a 4-1 victory. The Yankees claim their third world title of the decade and the 25th of the 20th century.

Oct. 31 Egypt AirFlight 990 crashes into the Atlantic off the coast of Nantucket Island, Massachusetts shortly after taking off New York's Kennedy Airport. All 217 on board are killed.

Nov. 5 Microsoft is accused of creating a monopoly with its Windows system in attempts to crush rival Internet program Netscape. If found guilty, Microsoft may be forced to break into smaller companies, however appeals may delay any punishment for several years.

Nov. 10 With the release of the Japanese inspired cartoon "Pokemon: The First Movie," the Pokemon phenomenon becomes the toy craze of 1999 that the Beanie babies proved to be in 1998. Burger King launched the biggest promotion in the history of fast food with its Pokemon promotion and the Pokemon craze continues to expand through video games, activity books, trading cards, clothing and Pokemon snacks.



SG gives away scantrons, hopes to improve image

SHELLEY WILSON
STAFF WRITER

In preparation for final exam week, UCF Student Government handed out more than 5,000 free exam packets to students Dec. 2-3 in front of the Student Union.

The packets came with a number 2 pencil, school schedule planner, coupon book to local vendors, and what almost every student is rushing to buy at exam time— scantrons.

The event was a combined effort between the executive branch, Service and Public Relations committee and cabinet.

Many SG representatives thought the event was a way to give back to the students they represent.

“At this point, with SG going though this or that, we felt it was time to give back and let students know we’re not here just to be here, but to help them out as well,” Director of Multicultural Affairs and Women’s Studies Akiva Johnson said.

Some the recent occurrences in SG, have made members want to improve its image around campus. The organization’s image ranked number two behind parking as its main concern.

Many thought that meeting students one on one and helping students with no strings attached was a breakthrough for SG.

“This is a start of helpful and beneficial events. It’s the little things such as providing a scantron to a student that needs one that can let students know we’re thinking of them and wishing them the best of luck come exam time,” Director of Campus Services Freddy Cano said.

Despite the recent publicity surrounding SG, students picking up the packets didn’t think the organization was so bad after all.

“I think it’s great when the school gives back to the students. Students get so exploited these days it’s nice when Student Government gives back. I like Student Government. I ran for Senate and it’s a good organization and it’s good that it’s run by students,” junior Mike Castello said.

Melissa Lust, SPR Vice-Chair, agreed that it was a great idea.

“I think this was beneficial to all. We had a really good reaction. They’re really excited we’re handing them out free with no strings attached,” Lust said.

Student Government Senate Allocations

11/1/99 to 11/30/99

Bill#	Organization Name	Purpose	Amount
Senate Working Fund			
OAF015	MUSLIM STUDENT'S ASSN	SPEAKER FEE	\$1,000.00
OAF016	ARMY ROTC	LOGO & PLAQUE	\$120.00
OAF017	UNITED RESIDENT STUDENT ASSN	LCC HAUNTED HOUSE	\$1,000.00
OAF018	AM SOC OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS	COMPETITION PROJECT	\$992.78
OAF019	HEALTH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COLLEGE COUNCIL	HPA SHOWCASE	\$1,000.00
OAF020	WATER POLO CLUB	BALLS & CAPS	\$980.00
SB31-119	ARBORETUM	IMPROVEMENTS	\$30,705.60
Total Senate Working Fund			\$35,798.38
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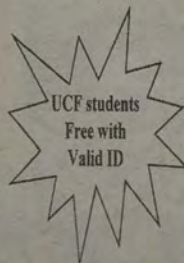


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Council rules Senate impeded due process

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the page-and-a-half-statute regarding impeachment then due process was given. You'll see each of the prescribed measures were followed and there are no procedural violations," he said.

After a three hour hearing and two hours of deliberation, the Council came back with a ruling that the grouping of the charges by the Senate impeded due process. Therefore, the impeachment of Patton was invalid and effective immediately, officials should revert to their elected positions before impeachment, the Council ruled.

The executive officers now consist of Patton as president, Andrew Cupicha as vice-president and Amy Florin as senate president pro tempore.

Jaime Halscott, who became vice-president after Patton was impeached, does not currently hold a SG position, according to the Council.

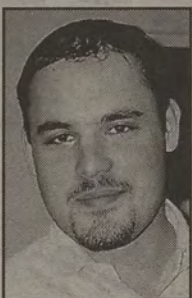
Halscott, who has been involved with Senate since 1997, still believes that he is vice presi-

dent and said the decision of grouping the charges should not have been a case.

"I'm still VP until all avenues of appeals are exhausted. The charges being grouped together is not a due process situation. There was no surprise of the decision, however. I had a feeling too many parties were involved."

"I've always been told if it's not true, then it shouldn't hurt you. If it bothered me, then I should look internally, but it never has bothered me," Halscott said.

The decision of the Council bothered some former Senate members. In a memo to administration, "former members of the 31st Student Senate" wrote that the administration should intervene in the case and revert the decision of the Council.



Halscott

Certain members also argue that Bob Williams, former LJR chair, lumped the charges by instruction given to him by Garth Jenkins, director of judicial programs. Williams and Jenkins could not be contacted at press time.

"Everybody said the 31st Student Senate doesn't listen to the administration, and then when we do, we get screwed in the long run. Senate doesn't have to give due process for impeachment. If they don't like you or think you sneeze too loud, they just file an affidavit and you could be gone," said Fred Piccolo, director of government affairs.

Amy Florin, senate president pro tempore, ran the Senate meeting last Thursday, stating that her goal for Senate was to move on.

"It's a rather awkward situation here tonight. There's a lot of discussion going on whether the Council does or does not have the power to make changes in other branches of SG. That doesn't mean the legislative body can't move forward. That's our job,"

“Senate doesn't have to give due process for impeachment. If they don't like you or think you sneeze too loud, they just file an affidavit and you could be gone.”

— Fred Piccolo
director of government affairs

Florin said.

Moving forward is what Patton is planning on, despite the surprise of being reinstated.

"I was surprised because of the trials we've had to go through, but to think that it's

finally over is a good thing," Patton said.

The finality of this decision is still to be determined. Halscott has filed an appeal of the judicial decision to the Administration and to the same Council.

In the SG office, question marks were placed where the executive officers names used to be and there was heavy debate of whether Cupicha or Halscott should have run last week's Senate meeting.

Cupicha feels that SG should be serving the students, regardless of what title an officer holds.

"I've worked very hard as president and I've enjoyed it, but I don't mind being vice-president again. Students' needs are still the same and I can try to help them regardless of my position. Student Government should work as a whole to help students as a whole," he said.

Some members of the 32nd Senate share Cupicha's feelings.

"Despite everything, I still love everybody," Arts and Sciences Senator Chris Riehl said.

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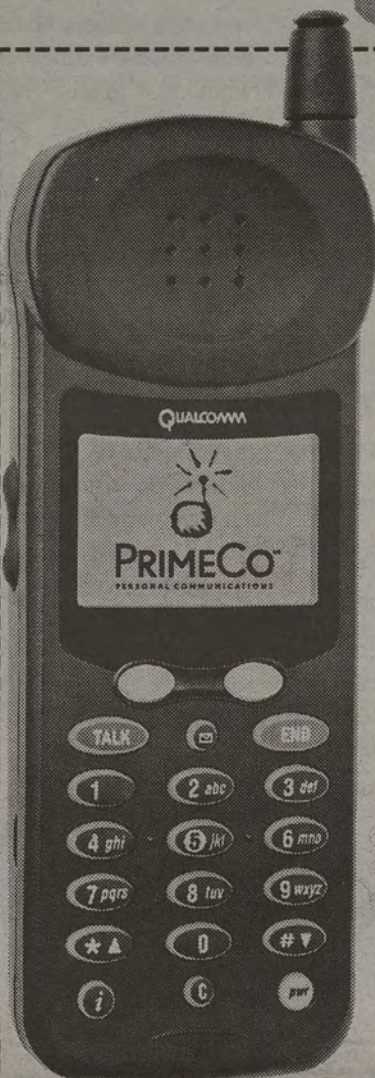
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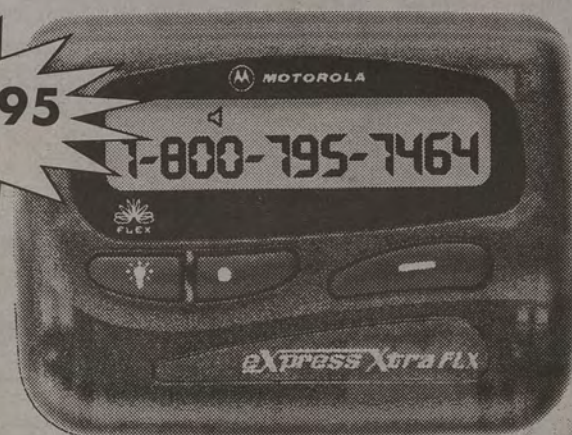
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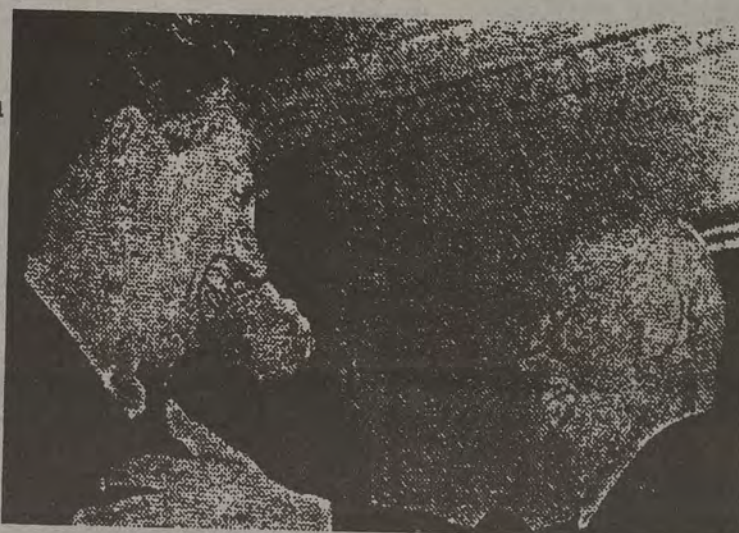
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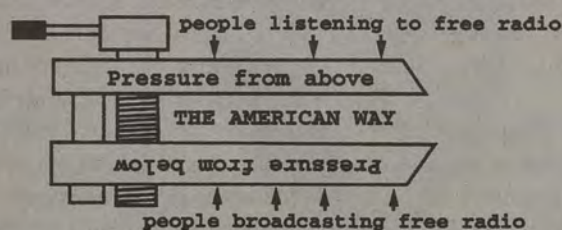
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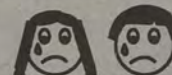
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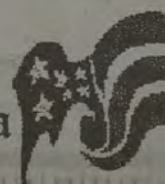
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OPINION

Spirit of Seattle — fight for rights

SAM MCKEON
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It was likely the last great American protest of the 20th Century.

The tortoise shells, tear gas and looting that filled the streets of Seattle last week was a beautiful thing, in some regards.

Your take on the World Trade Organization makes little difference.

It's the U.S. freedom of protest, picketing and the ability to be arrested, carted off to jail in the paddy wagon and then be released - not tortured or forced to sign a confession - that makes America what it is.

There was a moment in time, when, swear to God, the big boys of the WTO, which would include director Mike Moore and his more than 500 secretaries, must have lost their minds. America? Trade summit?

Crazy.

Why not a smaller, more militant land, one that kills those who dare protest? Or, at the very

least, new member China, whose numerous human rights violations against Tibet make it a worthy champion for trade.

But no. It seems the WTO, which is based in, of all places, Geneva and was founded a little less than five years ago, couldn't find credence until it dropped by the U.S.

Until it passes over our eyes, the world must think, it can't be real.

Well, the WTO does exist. Now most everyone knows that. Kids will, too. Capital of West Virginia? No way. But cops in riot gear? You betcha.

From the looks of it, the protest will have some positive effects. Trade talks were ground to a halt as a result.

And a larger number of people noticed first hand the detrimental effects of pepper gas, which means it will be tested on fewer animals.

But most importantly, America rediscovered the power of protest and, within it, the power of the First Amendment. Sure, there were some bad seeds out there in the rainy day sun-

shine land. In protests, there always will be. But the real message of Seattle is buried in the impact normal citizens can have through the right to free speech.

Often, people forget it. There isn't formal learning of the Constitution until high school (at least there wasn't for me).

Even when we do know it, freedom of speech takes on this abstract form without context, except when baby does a bad, bad thing and yells "fire" in a crowded theater.

Seattle reminds us of that. Look at the power of a few thousand people.

The WTO, a powerful organization, bigger than America, will not change all its stripes. But it will change some, which is secondary to the notion that we, as citizens, finally know its power.

And whether trade people like it or not, they will start being held accountable for their acts.

If they weren't self-aware of their own consequential actions before, they are now.

Seattle was the home to a classic sit-down strike early in our 20th Century.

It helped shaped modern unions for railcar, factory and driving workers all over America.

Since that time, and somewhat before then, protest has been one of the everyday man's most powerful vehicles for change.

The image of a burning draft card is indelible in our minds.

So is a picture of an aborted fetus.

The greatness of freedom of speech is the spectrum it spans.

For some reason, every image of protest or movement strikes a chord in me and many others.

Unquestionably, President Clinton and many powerful senators, including those of Nebraska, most likely looked out the windows of their hotels and shook their heads at the crowds below, unknowingly.

Cynicism has been part of the American tradition for the last 40 years or so, specifically

in the postmodern era.

It is so easy for them, and us, to lose sight.

Some of the more beautiful things I see every year at UNL are the Bible beaters. You know the ones - the ones that damn us all to hell, the ones I have spoken of before in disdain.

I do not like them. I do not like what they do. I hate what they preach and hate even more their judgment of others. But I would not trade them for silence. I cannot, unless I too want to be silenced some day.

I'll keep them here in Lincoln, along with David Hibler, Ernie Chambers and every other rabble-rouser I never agreed with that ever came along. I want to. I have to.

Their spirit is part of the spirit that lived in Seattle last week and part of the spirit that has changed our nation, for good and bad, over the years.

Freedom of speech is the sword we live and die by in America.

As the century closes, it's that value above all else that we should remember.

Companies should follow food standards

CORY MEIER
THE DAILY IOWAN

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa —

Last week, a federal judge blocked an attempt by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to discipline Supreme Beef, a Dallas meat plant that has consistently failed to live up to newly initiated standards.

The judge ruled that actions taken by the Department of Agriculture could result in "irreparable harm" to the company.

The question that surrounds the judge's decision is, which is more important to protect against possible harm: one company, or 1 million people?

It is true that temporarily withdrawing U.S.D.A. inspectors, which prevents a company from selling its product, might irreversibly hurt the company.

However, it is also true that allowing a known substandard meat-producing facility to continue churning out its possibly tainted product might cause irreparable harm to people across the nation.

In 1995, the government adopted tougher food standards to improve citizen safety. One of the primary goals

was to guarantee that meat production and processing would be virtually free of microbiotic contaminants, such as salmonella.

Food-borne salmonella poisoning harms more than 1 million people a year, and more than 550 die from it.

According to Supreme Beef — a

“Which is more important to protect against possible harm: one company, or 1 million people?”

supplier of beef to Wal-Mart and approximately half of the ground beef used in the national school-lunch program — up to 20 percent of its samples contained salmonella bacteria. Under the new standards, the maximum percentage of contaminated beef allowed is 7.5 percent. Caroline Smith DeWaal, director of food safety for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, called Supreme Beef's level of contamination “an indicator that this plant is not keeping its food safety hazards under control.”

The new standards are neither overly burdensome nor unnecessary.

They require plants to identify criti-

cal points in the production process at which contamination is likely to occur and then implement prevention plans.

Ninety percent of the more than 3,000 plants in operation have succeeded in doing so.

Before the new standards were adopted, meat inspectors were relegated to methods little better than poking and sniffing meat, methods that could not detect bacteria.

Supreme Beef consistently has not been among the majority in compliance. In addition, the company has filed suit, arguing that regulating salmonella levels is not within the government's jurisdiction.

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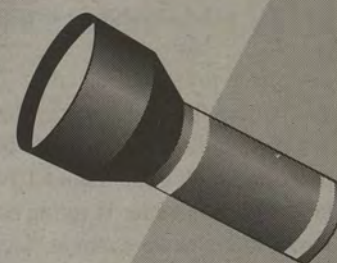
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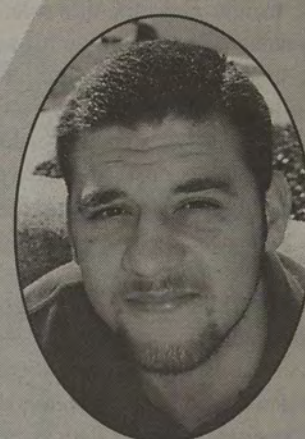
By SARAH SEKULA



**Q: What are
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City...and not thinking of
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—Felix Thibodeaux, 22,
junior, mathematics education



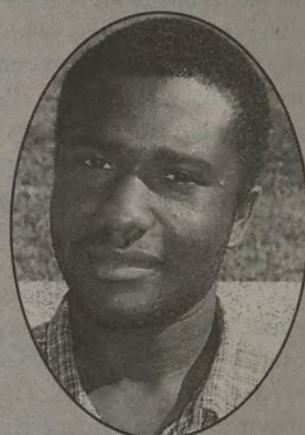
I am not sure yet. Probably going
home and partying there since we
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—Sara Quinn, 18,
freshman, undecided



I will go to Daytona Beach with my
friends.

—Wedsly T. Guerrier, 24,
senior, civil engineer



Church. There are gonna be too
many crazy people out.

—Elbony Jones, 18,
freshman, pre-med



At home in West Palm Beach.

—Jacquelyn Brown, 20,
sophomore, psychology



I will be in my house, avoiding the
anarchy on the streets.

—Maurice Draggan, 20,
junior, education



ENTERTAINMENT

'Deuce' a sure ace at box office

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In the 1990 movie "Pretty Woman," Julia Roberts made being a prostitute look good. Almost 10 years later Rob Schneider is trying to do the same. In his newest movie "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo," Schneider takes on his most unique role yet — a male escort.

In this off-the-wall comedy, Schneider plays the title role, a fish tank cleaner who is down on his luck. An ironic stumble into a debonair's pond has him falling into his chance to move up in the world. It is here where Deuce meets Antoine Laconte (Oded Fehr), a world class gigolo. After agreeing to fish-sit while Antoine is away on business, Deuce finds himself in "deep waters" when he accidentally destroys the gigolo's luxury apartment, including his \$6000 fish tank.

In order to save his own skin, and with the help of a pimp (T.J. Hicks), Schneider becomes the sexiest gigolo to enter the business? well maybe not the sexiest, but definitely the funniest. In the course of Schneider's attempt to raise the money to fix the trashed apartment, he is paired with a wide variety of females, including a 7'4" Amazon woman, a narcoleptic and an 800-pound "Jabba Lady." The plot deepens when Schneider begins falling in love with one of his clients. The only problem is she knows nothing about this gigolo's nighttime gig (little does he know she has a few surprises of her own). When she soon discovers his secret Deuce must race to save the apartment, dodge the law, and win the girl of his dreams.

Mike Mitchell, the creative talent behind "Ren and Stimpy" directed this absurdly wild comedy. Also assisting with the executive production of the picture is funnyman himself, Adam Sandler. Schneider, who has worked with Sandler in the past (including his most recent film

"Big Daddy") gives Adam enormous credit for the production, calling him "the godfather of the piece."

For some, the movie will be an instant success reigning with such comedic classics as "Dumb and Dumber" and "Something About Mary."

However it's outlandish humor one must possess to truly love this film. Though some parts of the films tend to go overboard, as well as mix in some inappropriate jokes, the movie as a whole will most likely be a box office favorite. Rob Schneider accurately and quite humorously gives a new image to the term "male gigolo."

The other stars, which are extremely well casted, manage to add a great variety to the film. While those who don't always go for wacky comedies may find themselves offended at times for some of the comedic material, in the depths of it all, the movie promotes a heartfelt message. For it is throughout the movie that Deuce discovers that everyone is beautiful in their own way (and after meeting some of these ladies, it's an exceptionally good message). Schneider continues to remain extremely proud of the film, though much to his own dismay, it will pull an "R" rating at the box office. In a recent press conference Schneider had the chance to sit down and talk about acting and life. Schneider discussed that this time around he had the opportunity to work behind the camera as well as in front of it. The premise for the film was one of Schneider's own ideas. "I always thought it would be funny to do a story

about a guy who house-sits for a gigolo." While in recent years Rob has begun to build up the resume of a serious actor, he will always be remembered for his classic roles on "Saturday Night Live;" the show which has produced such comic geniuses as Steve Martin, Dan Ackroyd and many more, will no doubt always hold a special place in his heart. When asked if he'd ever consider returning to T.V., Schneider responded: "Television is merely disappointing, film is heartbreaking."

And heartbreaking is something he loves. Schneider admits that there is "genius in simplicity," something many television shows lack today. "I honestly think there will never be another good sitcom." For Schneider, the truth in that statement does not scare him in the least. As far as he is concerned, right now while making movies he says, "I'm having more fun than ever."



COURTESY TOUCHSTONE PICTURES. Schneider is Deuce, a simple guy who turns into a male escort in order to pay back the damage done to a real male gigolo's apartment in 'Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo.'



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'Toy Commander' is not for kids

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Never underestimate the power of childhood fantasies. Little kids imagining their cars fighting each other grow into computer coders programming cars fighting each other.

"Toy Commander" has a surprising amount of violence for a game rated "Everyone."

Although it is bloodless and there are not any humans involved other than you, killing sentient toys is not the most innocuous activity. The game is built around solving problems; the player must use her vehicles to meet mission requirements from winning a race to finding a bomb, placing it on a bridge and blowing it up.

But many missions require you to shoot plastic figures and vehicles that make up the enemy (commanded by the rogue toy Huggy Bear).

The lesson is do not assume that just because it looks like it is for kids does not mean it's clean. Of course, this is the type of stuff kids have always played without video games, so maybe there really is not a lesson.

The puzzles that need to be solved require both the ability to figure out a solution and good enough control of your vehicles to pull it off. These are pretty big requirements, though, because a lot of both abilities are required in a lot of the missions. Given enough time, anyone might be able to finish the games, but

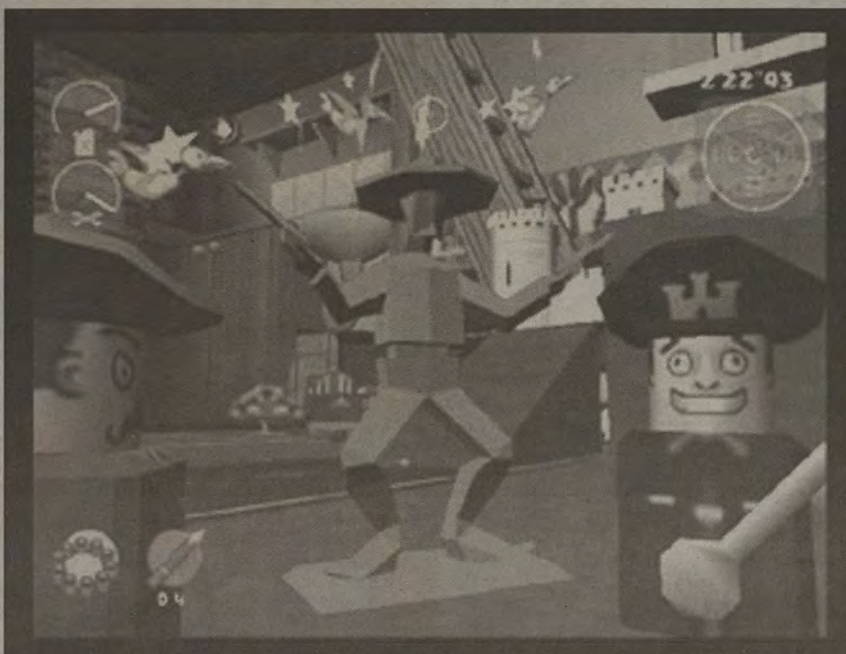
only at great irritation.

Despite these flaws, "Toy Commander" is full of varied and enthralling gameplay. Missions are relatively short (your goal time for most of them is under 10 minutes), but they usually need to be completed several times in order to be done efficiently enough to win.

Various vehicles need to be used in most missions, and it is mentally stimulating to figure out which to use and how.

There is a multiplayer mode that lets you shoot up your friends in the various rooms of the house. You do have the option of playing capture the flag, but really the point is to dog fight with your friends, like when you were kids viscously beating each other with your Christmas gifts.

"Toy Commander" is not for kids. It's for you.



COURTESY SEGA

Players must solve a number of puzzles in 'Toy Commander' in order to master the game. 'Commander' has over 18 levels until the last phase.



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Even though the game is rated "E" — for everyone — there are some violent scenes. But then again there are no humans involved in the game.

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—Confused Cousin

Dear Confused,

A Your cousin called you because she needs help. She's obviously not in a good position right now and she probably doesn't have anyone she can trust. I don't know the extent of her problem but I don't think you should take this on by yourself. I suggest that you contact someone who's close to where she is and have them at least go and talk to her. Although she had you promise not to involve your family, it will be in her best interest.

It's not necessary to tell the whole family but confide in someone that you're close to and know that will be of some help. After you become aware of exactly what is going on you can decide what to do from there. Also remember that unless the addicted person wants to recover there's not much a family can do but be of support.

Dear Nancy,

Q I'm worried about one of my friends. She's very intelligent and I know that she could be very successful but she's not doing anything with her life. She dropped out of college, lives at home and

works full time at a dead end job. I asked her what she wants to do in the future and she said she doesn't think about it. Am I supposed to just stand around and watch her be a loser or can I do something about it?

—Worried

A Dear Worried,

What would you like to do? Graduate from college with a degree in her name? Fill out job applications and complete interviews claiming to be her so you can get her the job you think she should have?

Did you ever stop to think that maybe your friend is happy just the way she is?

The two of you could have two completely different outlooks as to what being successful is and what is important in life.

Or maybe she's just waiting for her time to come.

Everyone matures and experiences life differently, perhaps she just wasn't ready for college at that particular moment in her life.

I know that with the end of the '90s approaching it's hard to imagine doing anything or making any type of liveable income without a college education.

But even so your friend will have to become aware of this on her own. All you can do is be her friend.

You don't have to agree with or support her decision but at least respect it. Let her know that you think she's intelligent and play a positive role in her life.

Also if you have any thoughts of becoming a motivational speaker, please reconsider.

Calling people (especially your friends) losers doesn't exactly make them feel motivated, if you know what I mean.



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LEAD STORIES

— Life Imitates “Weekend at Bernie’s”: In November, government officials in East London, South Africa, thwarted an attempt by two men and a woman to register a corpse for pension benefits. According to the South African Press Association, the three propped up the recently deceased man (who they said was merely ill) at the window serving the illiterate and held his hand out to be fingerprinted before a clerk got suspicious.

— A November feature in Toronto’s Globe and Mail newspaper recounted the exhibits in Philadelphia’s Mutter Museum of medical oddities, including the preserved corpse of a woman with a condition that turned her fatty tissue, upon her death, into a soap-like mass that halted decomposition; the “Muniz collection” of circular-sawed Peruvian human skulls; the extensive, 70-year-old Chevalier Jackson Collection of Objects Swallowed and Inhaled; and the huge colon (described as “about the size of a large basset hound”) that caused fatal constipation.

Latest Inappropriate Nude Activities

Parishioners at Saint Andrew’s Church in south London, England, overpowered a naked, sword-wielding man after he had attacked nine people during a children’s service (November). Two former Rutgers male basketball players filed a lawsuit against the school and its coach for making them run laps naked during a practice two years ago (November). A naked University of California at Santa Cruz student was hit by a car, commandeered it, drove off, and promptly crashed into a tree (October). A judge released often-nude gardener Robert Norton, 76, of Pekin, Ill., after his 19th arrest, but said he will go to jail if he is seen naked again (August). (“I can’t (promise) anything,” Norton said.)

Compelling Explanations

— Douglas Alan Feldman, 41, was sentenced to death in Dallas in August for two road-rage murders, based in part on letters he had sent to a former girlfriend after his arrest. Wrote Feldman: “I found it quite pleasurable to kill those two men. If you are an angry person and someone provokes you to violence, (it) feels wonderful to cause their death and to watch their pain.”

— When Lawrence Russell Brewer Jr., the second defendant to go to trial in the 1998 Jasper, Texas, racial dragging death, showed up in a Bryan, Texas, courtroom in September 1999, the arresting sheriff had trouble recognizing him because Brewer was so much heavier (having gone from a 30-inch waist to a 40). Brewer’s explanation was that he so feared that a Y2K computer crash would wipe out his prison commissary account that he had decided to spend down all his money right away on junk food.

— In August, an 87-year-old woman, pursued for 30 miles along southern California’s Pacific Coast Highway by siren-blaring sheriff’s deputies who wanted to stop her for a traffic violation, said when she finally pulled over that she had kept driving because the deputies never did what cops do in the movies: overtake her and force her over. And one month later a jury in Frederick, Md., acquitted motorist Ester Maria Pena, 59, who said she failed to stop for a pursuing officer’s siren-wailing car because he didn’t do what cops do “in the movies”: overtake her and block the road.

— In August, The Sunday Oklahoman newspaper revealed that the charity Feed the Children, through poignant TV appeals, took in an extra \$6 million in the 45 days after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing but gave only half of that to bombing victims, putting most of the rest into its investments because, according to presi-

dent Larry Jones, there was no proof that the donors intended the money for bombing victims. The newspaper also reported that “almost none” of the \$47 million raised last year by Feed the Children actually went toward feeding children.

Latest Rights

— In August, a Portland, Ore., jury acquitted drunk-driving defendant Robert Lee Buskirk after a judge accepted his argument that incriminating statements he made at the scene not be used against him because he was so drunk he didn’t know what he was doing when he waived his “Miranda” right.

— In 1994, psychologist Kenneth Olson of Phoenix, already on probation with the state’s licensing board for a 1988 exorcism, filed a lawsuit against the board, asserting that he had a constitutional right to perform a 1993 exorcism on an 8-year-old foster child (and to be paid \$180 for it by the state’s Child Protective Services). (In July 1999, a federal appeals court ruled against him.)

— Milwaukee’s Thomas Rollo, 53, chopped off his arm at the elbow with a home-made guillotine in October, but authorities found the arm in his refrigerator and made plans for reattachment surgery. However, Rollo refused the surgery, threatened to sue, and promised to chop the arm right back off if it were reattached. However, a week earlier, a judge in Norwalk, Conn., acting on an emergency request from Norwalk Hospital, ordered a 42-year-old man who had severed his penis to submit to reattachment surgery.

Canadian Urinary Crises

Canadian military officials told reporters in September that 23 of their 32 Hercules transport aircraft require expensive structural repairs to replace a main aluminum beam; the beams were corroded by urea acid from urinals who splash (or miss the mark altogether) in the planes’ crude cargo hold toilets. And later that month, an official of the upscale University of Toronto Athletic Centre health club told the National Post newspaper that the reason its automatic-flush toilets weren’t working is that men were too fast on the draw; because the members were often naked when using the urinals and thus did not take time to unzip and zip, some spent less than the minimum nine seconds needed to reset the flushing trigger.

Update

In September, authorities in Lincoln, Ill., said the “Sock Man” (reported in News of the Weird earlier this year) from nearby Springfield had finally slipped up and committed a crime when he tried to abduct three kids. In Springfield, he had offered female strangers \$100 for their socks, and in nearby Auburn in August, he allegedly offered young girls \$5 to chew some gum and give it to him. Springfield and Auburn police said neither of those incidents was illegal (or, as a Springfield officer said, “It’s no crime to be weird”).

Thinning the Herd

One month before the Texas A&M bonfire tragedy, a 17-year-old University of Oklahoma football fan in Kingfisher, Okla., accidentally shot himself to death while celebrating the team’s victory over Texas A&M. And in September, a 21-year-old Bryant College (Smithfield, R.I.) student, trying to slide down a banister in a residence hall, was killed when he fell three stories onto his head.

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UCF professor Telep releases new novel

PATRICIA CANEDO
STAFF WRITER

UCF Professor and recognized fiction author, Peter Telep, has recently released a third book to his *Descent* sci-fi series, *Descent: Equinox*, and is working on other exciting projects as well. While Professor Telep has taught four classes this past semester, he has also started work on a new series, a novel based on a movie due out in May 2000, and the fourth and final book to his series, *Wing Commander*.

The new series will be a little different from the book that he has written in the past. Telep has become well recognized for his sci-fi writing, winning several writing awards including the John Steinback Award for fiction. *Night Angel 9* will be a medical drama series about firefighters and paramedics. Although the story will be different from what Peter has become so well known for, he has still put in the same amount of research and hard work in that he put in with his other series. He has been consulting with a team of doctors and even did a ride along with the Seminole County Firefighters. Peter says that he puts in so much research to the book so that it will be as accurate as possible. Professor Telep said that he will be delivering the

first book of the series in February 2000, the second book in June and the third book in October.

In May 2000 Warner Bros. Studio will release a movie starring Val Kilmer and Carrie Anne Moss. A novel based on the screenplay will be also being released, titled *Red Planet*. Val Kilmer's character is on the first voyage manned to Mars, when a catastrophe leaves him stranded on the Planet. Carrie Moss is an astronaut still in orbit when she has to decide whether to return home or save Val Kilmer's character. Professor Telep will be holding a book signing at the Oviedo Marketplace Mall for the novel, *Red Planet*, the day that the movie comes to theaters.

Following the Professor Telep's completion of the third book in the *Night Angel 9* series, he will be releasing the latest book in the *Wing Commander* series. *Pilgrim Truth* will be out in November of 2000 and will be the last book of the series.

Professor Telep recently held a book-signing at the Oviedo Marketplace Mall, Saturday, December 4th. Professor Telep



PHOTO BY PATRICIA CANEDO

Besides releasing the third installment of his novel his sci-fi *Descent*, Telep has plans for movie, new novels.

has been keeping such a busy schedule that while he was explaining his new projects to me, he was signing books and writing chapters for the *Night Angel 9* series. In fact he stated that he will be working on his writing right through the holiday season and unfortunately will not be able to be to work as an administrative coordinator this summer. The position he held over the past summers allowed him to work with Pegasus directly and he is able to help incoming students schedule classes.

Professor Telep is also working on

other projects for the future.

He is working on establishing a new book deal with Jerry Doyle of *Babylon 5*. Peter is also being considered to write a novel to tie in with a the movie *Space Cowboys*.

The action adventure movie will star Clint Eastwood and Tommy Lee Jones, amongst other. Professor Telep does aspire to some day return to writing scripts for TV shows and movies, he has written scripts for *In the Heat of the Night* and *The Legend of Prince Valiant*, in California.



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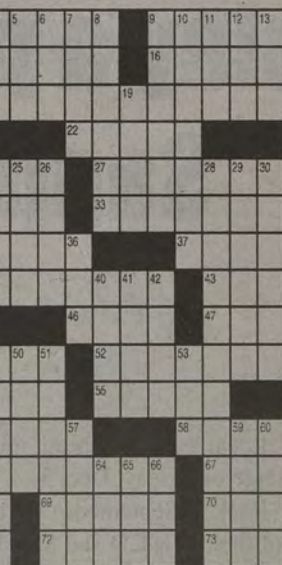
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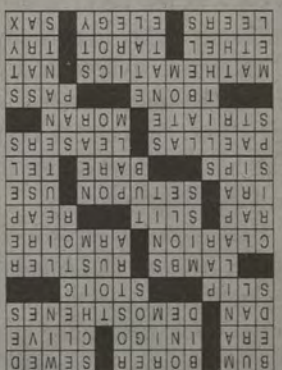
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Bughead played a full house at the Sapphire Supper Club last Friday.

Local Ska-Reggae heroes play a packed Sapphire

PATRICIA CANEDO
STAFF WRITER

Local band, Bughead, returned to Sapphire Supper Club's stage on Friday, Dec. 3.

Back in September they appeared there to celebrate the release of their new CD and Madden 2000. Although there were no major releases the band still performed well and gave the audience a good time.

KUNG FU'D has been selling in music stores around Orlando since its release in September. The CD is a great example of the bands ability to play any kind of music they choose.

The music style of the CD severally changes in the fourth track. The song *Love Is Lovely* is a reggae song, mainly focusing on John Gnuechtel's keyboard and Pat Jones's drums. The vocals are also done deeper than the previous songs, overall performed and written greatly.

Each track has its own distinct sound to them. Track number nine, *It Won't Be Long*, has a faster beat and vocals, John playing the trumpet, mixed with the drums and breaks in between lyrics for outstanding guitar riffs. *KUNG FU'D* includes a secret song, Bughead does a cover in of "We work hard for the money", reggae style.

In case anyone missed their performance at the Sapphire Supper Club this past Saturday, Bughead has another performance coming up, along with Gargamel. Both bands will appear at the Liquid Cellar on Thursday, December 9th right by campus. This would be a great opportunity to experience the many styles of Bughead.

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Dr. Dre Chronic 2001

Dr. Dre always seems to diagnose things just right.

"Things just ain't the same for gangstas," he raps, kicking off a stellar new album - his first full-length effort since 1992's "The Chronic." That's right, they're not, but he's changing with the times quite nicely.

Gone are the roof-raising Parliament samples, replaced by stripped-down bass and drum tracks and the usual slew of Dre collaborators.

Seeing as how the good doctor isn't the most talented rapper around, it's a good thing he threw Snoop Dog, Xzibit, Hittman, etc... into the mix.

The result: a collaborative sound tighter than his grip on that huge sack of weed on the inside liner art.

With his usual good judgment for production in full effect, tracks like "Still D.R.E.," "What's the Difference" and "Ackrite" come across as slick as

any of his earlier work did.

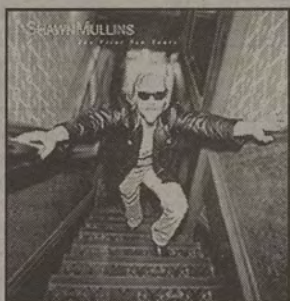
Don't expect party anthems in the vein of "Nuthin' But a 'G' Thang;" this is a much more subtle assault on the ears.

Don't expect Dre to stray too far from familiar ground, either.

Though he may not have the G-Funk sound anymore, he's still pushing the same tales of misogyny, violence ("Xxplosive"), and drug use ("Let's Get High").

Though he won't win any PC fans with "Chronic 2001," it's still premium stuff.

— By Brent Hopkins



Shawn Mullins The First Ten Years

It was just over a year ago that Shawn Mullins' voice began to find a regular home on the airways across the country.

"Lullaby" had become a staple for most hit stations and was a song that I constantly heard playing in rooms across campus. It was always one that I enjoyed hearing myself.

However, Mullins' career as a musician began years before, and this is what "The First Ten Years" is meant to highlight.

Those ten years encompassed a career as an independent musician on his own SMG label. In fact, his breakthrough album, "Soul's Core" was actually a re-release that Columbia distributed after "Lullaby" was so successful.

As for the music itself, "The First Ten Years" contains the purest, crispest sounds that I have heard in quite a while.

Mullins' career has been defined by acoustic music that was honed on the road, and that feeling of a man alone with his guitar is captured on a number of the tracks, with styles ranging from light rock to folk ballads.

The highlight of the album comes on the fourth track, "Joshua," a song about a young boy's companionship with an older man who taught him how to play guitar.

The lyrics, singing and guitar playing all work together on this song to create a laid-back, reminiscent style that captures the listener and carries him through the story.

The peak of the song comes in the catchy chorus where Mullins' sings

"Oh, way back when/He was sixty-five and I was ten/And I will never be as free again/Oh, way back when" over the sound of a lightly strummed guitar.

The bookends of the album are maintained by two up-tempo soft-rock songs, "Lately" and "Changes," both of which are very catchy and fun to just groove to, especially in the choruses.

The two are also songs taken from recent movie soundtracks, "Big Daddy" and "The Faculty," respectively.

However, the album's greatest strengths come at different times, though, when the drums and other instruments are stripped away and Mullins' sits down with just himself and his guitar.

This is especially true on the songs "Evolution Man" and "Canyons & Caverns."

The second is a song about clinging to the contours of one's past that uses a variety of scenes and images to shape visions of times gone by.

For those that absolutely love "Lullaby" and "Shimmer," I wouldn't go picking up this album for more of the same. The songs on "The First Ten Years" are of an entirely different vein.

However, they all sound wonderful; they are just sparser in their arrangements and a little less mainstream, which is perfectly fine with me.

— George Potter

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UCF's Howell Named To All-Southeast Region Team

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America named University of Central Florida midfielder Cally Howell (Winter Park/Lake Howell HS) to the All-Southeast region second team. Howell finished the season with 12 assists, tying her for third on the list of all-time UCF season assist leaders with assistant coach and former All-American Michelle Akers. Howell spent most of the season among the nation's top 25 assist leaders, peaking at 19th, and finished the season second in the Trans America Athletic Conference for assists.

Already one of UCF's career assist leaders with one more year left in eligibility, Howell is a two time All-TAAC selection. Her two assists and one goal in the TAAC Tournament earned her tournament MVP honors and helped the Golden Knights to their fifth TAAC title in six years.

"I'm really proud of Cally," said UCF head coach Amanda Cromwell. "She always gives one hundred percent on the field and is a tremendous asset to this team."

Also named to the Huntington Banks/Reebok Soccer Classic and Florida Atlantic All-Tournament teams this season, Howell is the first UCF midfielder to be selected to the All-Southeast Region team since

All-American and former assistant coach Amy Jones received the honor in 1996.

UCF Landed Six of Florida's Top High School Seniors

The University of Central Florida has recruited six of the top 185 Florida high school seniors during the NCAA's early signing period, Baseball America magazine announced last week. The state's ninth-rated player, left-handed pitcher Dane Artman (Key West/Westminster Academy), leads the class committed to UCF. Troy Bowden (St. Augustine/Nease HS), Paul Lubrano (Winter Springs/Oviedo HS), Blaine Schulte (Oviedo/Oviedo HS), Scott Carmichael (Orlando/University HS) and Justin Cerrato (Clearwater/Clearwater HS) also declared their intent to play for UCF and all appear on the list of top players.

Florida (12), Miami (9) and Florida State (7) were the only in-state colleges to have announced more signings off the list to date.

"I'm pleased that we seem to have raised the bar every year," said assistant head coach Greg Frady, the team's recruiting coordinator. "I think it's a great testament to Coach Frady and his recruiting ability," head coach Jay Bergman said. "The direction that the stadium is going also helped attract top players." The Golden Knights are slated to move into Bergman Field on campus pending the stadium's completion in February.

U.S. Amateur Qualifier & Junior World Tour Star To Join UCF

Stephen Davis (Winter Park/Trinity Preparatory School) and Nick Bos (Ocoee/West Orange HS) have signed national letters of intent to play golf for the University of Central Florida beginning in fall 2000, men's golf coach Brian Craig announced Tuesday. Davis qualified for the 1998 U.S. Amateur tournament and finished in fourth place in Florida's state high school tournament as a freshman. He was named first team All-Orange County for four consecutive seasons.

"I think Steve is an extremely talented player with a good academic record," Craig said. "I have watched him in past tournaments and feel he is going to be a terrific college player."

Bos is a member of the Future Collegians World Tour and the American Junior Golf Association and has been playing golf for over four years.

Most recently, Bos was selected an FCWT third team All-American. The 1999-2000 District Medalist, Bos also took 10th place at this year's AJGA Innisbrook tournament and 11th at the 1998 AJGA DirectTV tournament.

"When he gets more playing experience, Nick will blossom into an excellent player. He has only been playing golf for four and a half years," Craig commented. "Nick is an exceptionally gifted student too and that attracted me to recruit him."

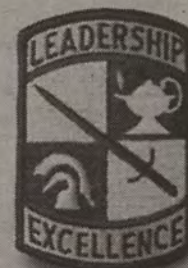
UCF's men's golf team resumes play Feb. 7 at the Bridges All-American Intercollegiate Invitational in Bay St. Louis, Miss. Craig said he plans to add three more golfers in the spring signing period that begins April 1.



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Double Your Pleasure

During the UCF Golden Knights Classic on December 3-4, junior center Camille Howard registered two double-doubles, leading the Golden Knights to a 1-1 record in the event. In a 78-68 loss to Bethune Cookman, Howard scored 16 points and grabbed thirteen rebounds to lead the team, and in a 72-63 win over Fairleigh Dickinson, Howard posted a nearly identical line with 16 points and 12 boards. Junior forward LaDonna Larry also posted a double-double against Fairleigh Dickinson, scoring 15 points and getting 10 rebounds. It was the fourth of her career.

Freshman point guard Diana Hill barely missed out on a double-double against FDU, scoring 10 points and dishing out nine assists.

Injury Report

UCF played the Golden Knights Classic with just eight healthy players, putting Head Coach Gail Striegler at a personnel disadvantage. Sophomore guard Leslie Deaton missed the tournament with a fractured right foot that will keep her out at least two weeks, and freshman guard Ashlee Balance and senior forward Paula Nesbitt also sat out both contests with injuries.

Deaton's outside shooting presence was

missed, as the Golden Knights struggled from the perimeter in their loss to Bethune Cookman.

"If we have all of our kids there I think it can be a different game," said Striegler of the loss. "You put Leslie in, she might have hit a shot from outside. They were really clamping down with their defense. I kept telling the kids to get it to our post players because those are the ones who have been scoring for us. But when they have two or three people hanging off of them, it's hard."

Sophomore guard Yvette Ash sprained her ankle against B-CC, but returned to play in UCF's victory over Fairleigh Dickinson. Camille Howard returned from a concussion she suffered against Florida on November 27 to play in both games.

Improved Point Play

One of the biggest worries for Coach Striegler early in the season is the play of her point guards. Freshman Ashlee Balance, the team's only true point guard, is sitting on the bench with an injury, only able to watch.

"Ashlee's out indefinitely right now," said Striegler. "When Ashlee gets back that'll help us because it will give us another guard. She's a true point guard."

In the meantime, freshman Diana Hill and junior Nancy Richter will have to

share time at the point. Both normally play the shooting guard position.

"Nancy and Diana are going to have to take the point guard position and do the best that they can do with it, and we'll try and relieve the pressure on them as much as we can," said Striegler.

The play of the duo has improved steadily so far. In UCF's first two games against South Florida and Florida, they combined for 14 assists and only 9 points. In the two games of the Golden Knight Classic, however, they combined for 37 points and 23 assists. Against Fairleigh Dickinson, both set season highs in both categories. Turnovers have been a problem though, as Hill and Richter have combined for 42 of them this season.

Tri-ecta Perfecta

In UCF's win over Fairleigh Dickinson, Nancy Richter broke out of a season long shooting slump to nail four 3-pointers in only six attempts. Richter has now made 60 3-pointers in her career, good enough for the third best total in UCF history. Entering the season, Richter had been tied with Chariya Davis (1995-1999) and Kelli Murray (1994-1998) with 56 career 3-pointers. Richter failed to break the tie until the season's fourth game, going 0 for 7 from beyond the arc to start the year. She needs five more treys to tie

Kate Fetzek (1995-1999) for second place on the list.

UCF Women's Basketball Adds Two Guards in Early Period

University of Central Florida head women's basketball coach Gail Striegler announced today the signing of Nicole Dunson (Corpus Christi, Texas/Mary Carroll HS) and Nichole Hearn (Miami/Miami Edison HS) to national letters of intent.

Dunson, a 5-8 guard, averaged 17 points, 5.3 assists, 4.4 rebounds and 3.6 steals per game over her last three years at Mary Carroll High School. An USA Today Honorable Mention All-American as a junior, Dunson earned Texas Basketball Magazine preseason all-State honors this year.

The two-time first team all-South Texas, Metro and District selection, also earned first team all-region and all-state accolades last year.

Academically, Dunson is in the top 10 of her class and has been recognized as a Who's Who Among America High School Students. Last year she received a Celebration of Educational Excellence Award from Texas Governor George W. Bush Jr. and the Texas State Board of Education.

Hearn, a 5-3 point guard, is averaging 14.4 points in five games this season at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Miss. Last year at PRCC, she was the Lady Wildcats number two scorer, averaging 17.6 points, and was also second on the team in steals with 60 (2.6 per game) and in assists with 58 (2.5 per game) en route to earning all-State honors.

At Miami Edison High School, Hearn led the 1995-96 team to the state championship title earning championship MVP honors as well as all-state and all-Dade County accolades.



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Maintaining a lead, a problem for UCF

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by the outside shooting of junior Nancy Richter, UCF pulled away down the stretch for a 72-63 victory. Richter hit three 3-pointers in the second half and finished the game with 13 points and six assists.

The Golden Knights were led in scoring by junior Camille Howard, who recorded her second double-double of the tournament with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Junior forward LaDonna Larry also had a double-double for UCF with 15 points and 10 rebounds, including a team-high four offensive boards.

Freshman point guard Diana Hill continued to improve, scoring 10 points and dishing out a career-high nine assists, while sophomore Khaliah Guillory also scored 10 points. Junior guard Melanie Prol, who had 20 points and eight rebounds, led Fairleigh Dickinson on the night. UCF (1-3) outrebounded FDU (1-5) 55-37.

Against Bethune Cookman, the Golden Knights fell behind early and were unable to overcome 31 turnovers, losing 78-68 to the Wildcats. Trailing 36-31 at halftime, UCF went on a 12-0 run early in the second half to take a 50-44 lead, but were unable to hold onto their advantage. B-CC went on a

19-6 run with 8:33 left in the game and held off a late rally by UCF for the victory. B-CC was led by guard Dena Thomas, who scored 26 points, 19 of which came in the second half. Janice Haynes added 14 points and 5 rebounds for the Wildcats, and Thomas also led the team with 4 assists.

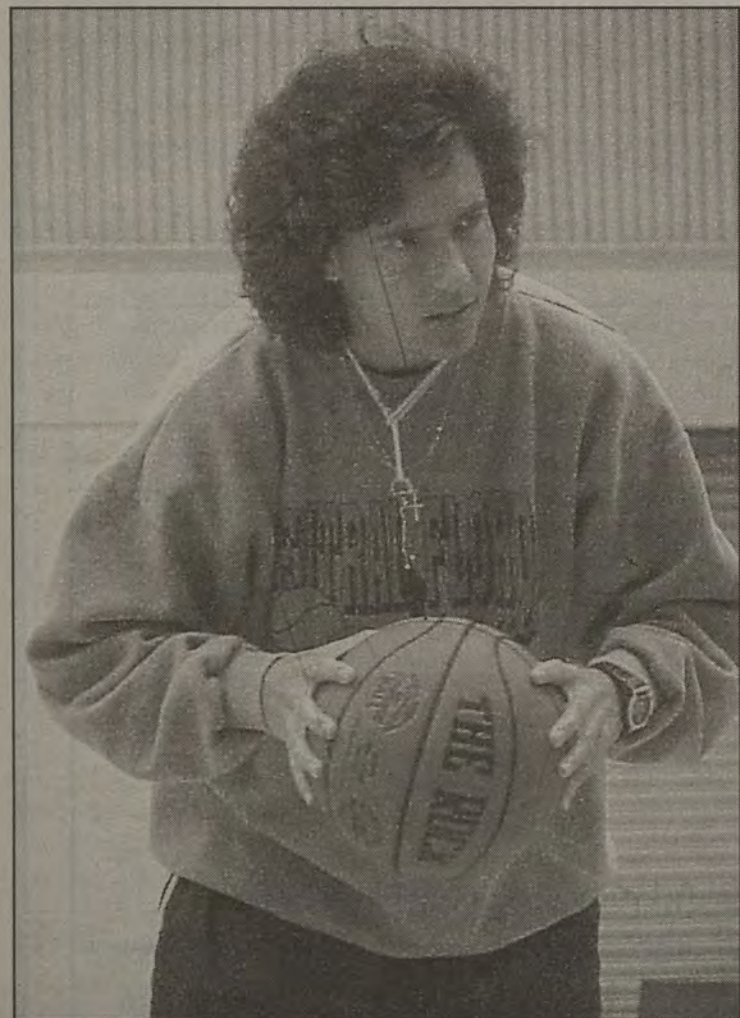
"They came out aggressive and we were not aggressive," said UCF Head Coach Gail Striegler. "I honestly think that was the difference in the game."

UCF was led by junior center Camille Howard, who scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Junior forward LaToya Graham added 15 points and 8 rebounds, while sophomore Khaliah Guillory had 10 points. Freshman point guard Diana Hill led the team with six assists, but also had seven turnovers. The Golden Knights, who outrebounded B-CC 61-40, relied almost exclusively on their inside game for points, making very few shots from the perimeter. Nancy Richter, the team's top outside shooter went 3 for 9 from the field including 1 for 6 on 3-point attempts.

"They were really clamping down defensively and I kept telling our kids to give it to the post players because they were the ones who had been scoring for us," said Striegler. "The guards didn't make anything again tonight."

Bethune Cookman (3-2) followed their win over UCF with a victory over Winthrop in their tournament finale.

UCF returns to action on December 12, traveling to Washington, D.C. for a game against American University



Gail Striegler got her first victory as a collegiate head coach when UCF took out Old Dominion, 72-63, in a game in which the Golden Knights battled back from an early deficit thanks to a huge advantage on the boards.

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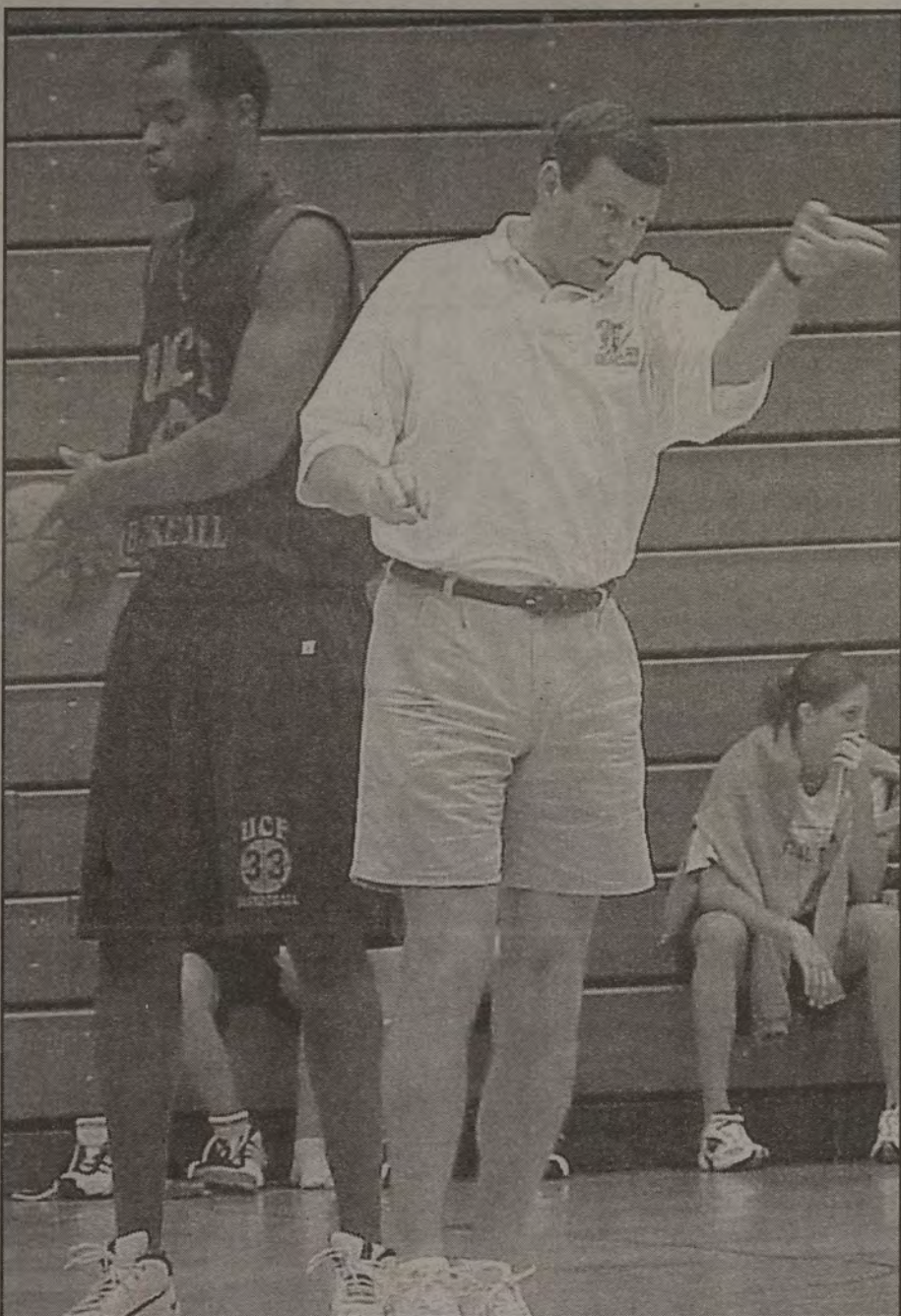
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USF bullies its way past Golden Knights



Coach Kirk Speraw will try to get UCF back to playing sound basketball and executing the offense correctly when the team gets back on the court against Flagler after a disappointing loss to South Florida.

BY TONY MEJIA
SPORTS EDITOR

UCF's only lead against South Florida lasted barely a minute, as center Scott Johnson's 3-pointer erased a 2-0 advantage. It only got worse from there. Altron Jackson and Artha Reeves came off the bench with the Bulls up just 14-11 to key a 21-3 run that eliminated any hope of a Golden Knight win, as USF cruised, 79-55.

"I think this is the best South Florida team they've had since I've been here at UCF," Speraw said. "It's the deepest, the most talented and the most skilled at all positions. It's just an outstanding basketball team and they have a lot of people who can put points on the board for them."

Jackson came off the bench to lead the way with 17 points and seven rebounds, while star sophomore B.B. Waldon added 16 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

UCF, finally getting the services of Mario Lovett for the first time this season, was foiled by the athleticism and aggressiveness of a stingy South Florida defense. That more than anything keyed the decisive run.

"We won this game the way we're sup-

posed to win. With defense. In our previous two losses (to George Washington and Tennessee) we didn't defend well at all," USF Coach Seth Greenberg said. "Tonight, we were hungry and our half-court defense was really the key. When we got that set we really got the stops." Coupled with UCF's inability to knock down the open shot, the Bulls defense was often suffocating, resulting in 20 Knight turnovers and 36 percent shooting.

"Our offensive execution wasn't up to the challenge tonight," Speraw said.

"We're pretty stymied right now. When we do execute well, we don't see a pass we should make that's open. If we do see it, we don't catch it. If we do catch it, we don't finish it. Just any number of breakdowns right now. We're a team that's

obviously struggling and we have to find a way to come together as a group and fight our way out of this hole."

D'Quarius Stewart led UCF with 11 points, but continued to struggle from the field, shooting 4-of-14 from the field. Jason Thornton, Davin Granberry, and Cory Perry all scored seven points in the loss.

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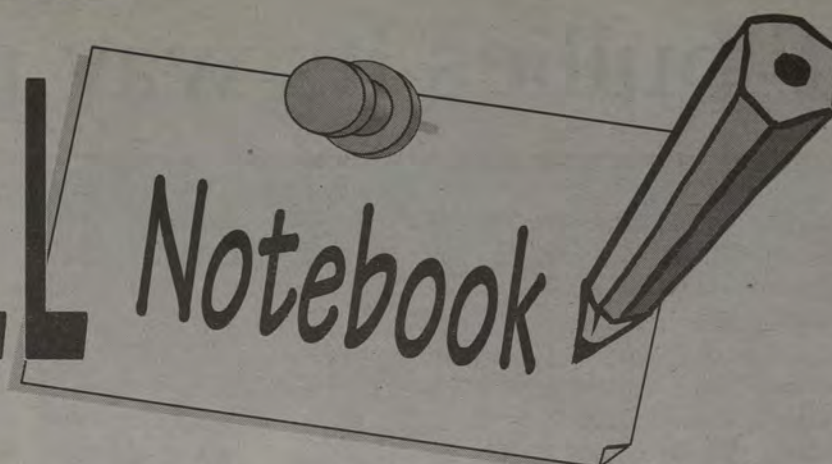
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Lovett returns to lineup

At the 17:04 mark of the first half in UCF's 24-point loss to South Florida, senior forward Mario Lovett made his much anticipated first appearance of the 1999-2000 season.

Lovett missed the Golden Knights first five games this season, a major reason for the team's early struggles. The senior forward from Tampa is the team's top rebounder and post defender, but was sidelined after surgery to remove scar tissue from his left foot early in the preseason.

"He has to get it healed, he has to get it back to 100 percent where he can play the way he's capable of playing," Coach Kirk Speraw said. "But he hasn't practiced in a month and we can't expect too much from him."

Lovett didn't give the Knights much in his debut, playing 11 minutes and finishing with two points and three turnovers.

"Obviously you could see he was pretty rusty," Speraw said. "He practiced for three days this week and tried to overcome some things. He ran better yesterday than he ran tonight. I thought he

would bounce around a little bit better tonight but we have to get the rust off him."

Perry's ankle keeps him out of starting lineup

Senior point guard Cory Perry didn't start at his customary spot, giving way to freshman Al Miller. Perry has been slowed with a sprained ankle but played a productive 24 minutes, scoring seven points and grabbing a team-high six rebounds while dishing out two assists. Miller also started at the SoCon Holiday Hoops tournament, logging major minutes.

"I'm searching for some changes but I'm not sure if any of the changes we might make are the answer," Speraw said. "We tried a lot of different people playing a lot of different minutes, giving everyone a lot of opportunity."

Miller matched up at the point with fellow freshman Reggie Kohn of USF, and had two points, three assists and two turnovers.

"He's still a freshman," Speraw said. "He's making some good plays but he's

still making some freshman errors as well.

Winless start has frustration mounting

Losing three games by a combined 12 points at the SoCon Holiday Hoops only to come home and get pummelled by South Florida is taking its toll on the Golden Knights.

"We're a frustrated bunch," said Speraw. "We're frustrated on the shooting side of it, we're frustrated on the execution side of it and we're frustrated on the injury side of it."

Unable to play with his full stable of players, Speraw has had trouble putting together a lineup at both ends of the floor. The injury to Lovett and lack of a low post threat has taken its toll on UCF's perimeter shooting.

"This is a bottom-line world but if there's anything, we understand we're not shooting it very well," Speraw said. "We can play a lot better and yet we're right there. In the last five, six minutes of the game, we only put up maybe two or three points. It's hard to win any game that

way.

"We keep coming up with more and more problems along the way and it's real demoralizing."

Greenberg concerned by UCF's attack

Despite his team's relatively simple victory over the Golden Knights, USF Coach Seth Greenberg revealed after the game how apprehensive he was about the UCF attack.

"It's easy for me to say, but I know exactly how Kirk feels right now," Greenberg said. "They're going to be a good team. I was scared to death. I have to be honest with you. Watching the Clemson tape, they run good stuff, they execute. They have guys who can make shots."

"I thought we got them out of a rhythm defensively. You watch (Jason) Thornton make jumpers against Clemson with people in his face and you say 'whoa.'" Greenberg's team came in 0-2, having lost to George Washington and Tennessee.

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This is the second such honor for Moore, who was named to the Football News All-Independent team last year. He and Lorenti were on that publication's 1999 preseason All-Independent team as well.

Demps led the team in tackles for the second consecutive year, finishing this season with 72. He registered interceptions in back-to-back games against Purdue's Drew Brees and Florida's Doug Johnson. He had a team-high 12 tackles against Eastern Illinois, nine tackles against Georgia, eight tackles against Florida and eight tackles against Auburn.

Lee led the team in receptions with 87, and yards with 1,133. He also had five touchdown receptions. He finished seventh in the country in receptions per game and ninth in receiving yardage per game. His 87 receptions fell one shy of the school record

for a season while his 1,133 yards ranked fourth all-time. He finished with a flurry, catching 31 passes for 411 yards in the final three games. His best game of the

year came against Auburn when he caught 11 passes for a career-high 203 yards, including an 83-yard touchdown reception. He caught 11 passes for 170 yards, including a 50-yard touchdown against Florida.

Lorenti, a three-year starter and the leader of the offensive line, played 736 plays during the season with a composite grade of 85 percent and seven "roach" blocks. Despite the fact that most of those plays were

passes, he surrendered only 1.5 sacks. He recorded a season-high grade of 94 percent against Louisiana Tech, followed by grades of 90 percent against Georgia Tech and Eastern Illinois and 88 percent against Florida and Georgia.

Moore led the team in tackles for loss this year with 12 and is the school's record holder in that category with 36. He led the team in quarterback pressures with 29. He was fifth on the team in total tackles

with 52, including six against Purdue and six, including two behind the line of scrimmage, against Florida. He also intercepted two passes in 1999, including one against Football News' Independent Player of the Year Tim Rattay from Louisiana Tech.



J. Moore



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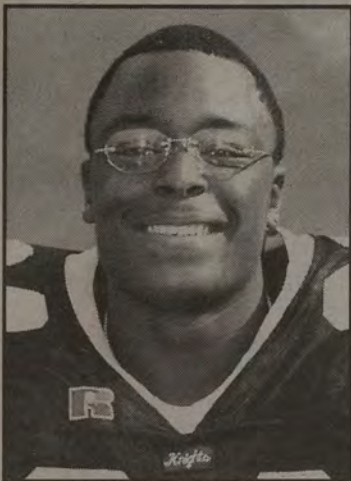
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Lee Announces He Will Pursue Professional Football



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University of Central Florida senior receiver Charles Lee (Homestead/Homestead HS), who led the team this year with 87 receptions for 1,133 yards, announced that he will pursue professional football next year rather than attempt to gain another year of eligibility at the college level.

Lee, who came to UCF as a partial qualifier in 1996, had to sit

out his freshman year. If he would have graduated this year, his fourth at the school, he could have petitioned the NCAA to restore the year of eligibility that was taken from him.

"It was a long, drawn-out process making this decision," Lee said. "I had to determine if I thought I was physically and mentally ready to play at the next level and I came to the conclusion that I was ready."

Lee finished seventh in the

country in receptions per game and ninth in receiving yardage per game. His 87 receptions fell one shy of the school record for a season while his 1,133 yards ranked fourth all-time. He finished with a flurry, catching 31 passes for 411 yards in the final three games. His best game of the year came against Auburn when he caught 11 passes for a career-high 203 yards, including an 83-yard touchdown reception. He also caught 11 passes for 170

yards, including a 50-yard touchdown against Florida.

"I enjoyed my time here at UCF, the fans were tremendous," Lee said. "I feel I accomplished the goals I wanted to this year and now it's time to move on to bigger and better goals."

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OL - John Merandi, Notre Dame
OL - Joey Chustz, Louisiana Tech

UCF women claim first victory of the season

BY DAVID MARSTERS
STAFF WRITER

It took some time, but the UCF basketball program finally registered its first win of the season.

The UCF women finally secured a win on the hardwood, beating the men to the punch by dropping Old Dominion in the final game of the UCF Golden Knights Classic.

From December 3-4, the UCF women's basketball team hosted the UCF Golden Knights Classic, bringing in teams from Fairleigh Dickinson, Bethune Cookman, and Winthrop University for a round-robin tournament. The Golden Knights entered the event winless on the season, and their chances weren't improved any by the fact that only eight team members were available to play. Injured guards Leslie Deaton and Ashlee Balance, along with forward Paula Nesbitt sat and watched as the team played two games in two days.

After dropping their first game 78-68 to Bethune Cookman, the Golden Knights took on Fairleigh Dickinson in the tournament finale. FDU, coming off a 68-62 loss to Winthrop in their opener, took control of the game early on and led for most of the first half. UCF fought back to tie the game at

22-22, at outscored FDU 14-6 over the final 3:46 to take a 36-28 lead into the locker room. The halftime advantage was the first for the Golden Knights this season.

Maintaining a lead had been a problem for UCF this season, as they blew a six point lead in the second half the night before against Bethune Cookman, but the Golden Knights would hold onto this one. FDU pulled to within four at one point in the second half, but would get no closer. Led

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36-UCF guard Leslie Deaton (left) was out of the lineup with a foot injury for the UCF Golden Knights Classic, but the team managed to capture its first victory thanks to performances from LaToya Graham (right) and Camille Howard.

Flagler visits UCF for first time in a decade

BY TONY MEJIA
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It should make for quite an interesting evening this Friday when UCF's all-time leading scorer comes home, bringing Flagler College with him. Well, not the entire college, but the men's basketball team at least.

Bo Clark, who scored 2,886 points from 1975-80 while playing for his father, legendary coach Gene "Torchy" Clark, has become a distinguished coach himself, winning 222 games in 14 seasons entering 1999-2000, and brings his team to the UCF Arena for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Flagler, a St. Augustine-based school with

an enrollment of 1,650, plays in the Florida Sun Conference in the NAIA Division II, and should present a prime opportunity for the Golden Knights to get their first win of

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the season.
The Saints give UCF an opportunity to work on their execution before a tough trip that

will see the team play at Ohio University and Louisville in a three-day span before returning home to play UNC-Wilmington.

"Hopefully we can put some good practices together before Flagler comes in to play a lot better and more to our capabilities," Speraw said.

With it being finals week, the Golden Knights will have to balance getting their season back on track with finishing up strong on their academic courses.

"It's a tough week on student-athletes all across the country with finals," Speraw said. "They're focused a lot on their academics, and yet we have to get a lot of things accomplished on the basketball side of things and fight our way out of this hole."